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In memory of Sam Kunceovich N3QIE - Blurb artist 1958-2004

Submissions deadline: all copy must be in the hands of the Editors by the 20th of the previous month.

Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net**at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net**at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at **Northeast High School,**

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M. Sharp!** Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

Club Stations

W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA
147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz Δ 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz
Reach us on Echolink through WU3I-L

W3AA at Northeast High School - Trustee: WU3I

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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Audit: NS3K
Awards: open

Blurb folding:
WB3KOJ & WB3KOH
Directory: WB3KOJ
DX: N3MT
Emerg.Coor.: K3HWE
Field Day: KE3QB

Internet: K3XS
Membership: W3LEN
Net Control: KB3IV
Publicity: W3RM
Program: Club VP

Public Service: open
Refreshments: W3AOK
Repeater: W3BBB
Skywarn: WX3PHI
Sunshine: N3GLU
Youth: N3MT

TVI: W3VVS
VE Program: ND3Q
W3AA Trustee: WU3I
Welcome: K3CJ.

K3SUE's Marvelous Mobile

Sue Persing K3SUE is a close friend of your editor, and when I noticed she'd been selected as K2BJ's "Mobile of The Month", I thought the Blurb readership might enjoy a look at her mobile installation.

Sue (ex-KB3EPQ) has been licensed since 2000, is an active DXer with over 300 entities confirmed, and only a few more to go for DXCC Honor Roll.

She enjoys both mobile and

base radio communications, and belongs to RACES/ARES in Montgomery County, and volunteers as a fire police officer in Lower Providence Township.

She used RG-813 coax for the run between the FT-100D and the antenna, an Outbacker. Her first contact with the mobile was to Kuwait with a 5-9 report. Not too shabby!

She has worked about 100 countries from the mobile--in **addition** to her DXCC contacts, she mostly doesn't log her mobile contacts!

Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course registration

THIS IS THE FINAL YEAR OF GRANT-SUBSIDIZED CLASSES!

Thanks to our grant sponsors--the Corporation for National and Community Service and the United Technologies Corporation --the registration fee paid upon enrollment will be reimbursed after successful completion of the course. Radio amateurs 55 and up are strongly encouraged to participate.

During this registration period, seats are being offered to ARRL members on a first-come, first-served basis. To learn more, visit the ARRL Certification and Continuing Education Web page
<<http://www.arrl.org/cce>>.

For more information, contact Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFGcce@arrl.org 860-594-0340.*
de Larry, K3HWE PMRC Emergency Coordinator



A Brief History of

The Blurb

(Originally named “THE TVI RETREAT”)

This information came to my attention this month, so I updated it a bit to reflect my own tenure... -de K3XS

NOVEMBER 1949

The PHIL-MONT MOBILE RADIO CLUB was formed by six charter members: W3s AAG, MXP, OQI, PMD, PXY, QQH (BBB).

DECEMBER 1950

The earliest surviving edition of “THE TVI RETREAT” (so named by W3SGR), in our archives, is assumed to be the December 1950 issue. (They weren’t very careful about dating them back then!) The word **Blurb** actually appeared in that very issue when the editor (W3PXY) made the statement “... Will try to get this blurb out once a month.” [We’re still trying!]

JANUARY 1955

The first official use of the name “THE BLURB”

		<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Issues</u>	Total
W3PXY	George King	12/50?	01/59	98	98
W3QZO-1	Bob Thomas	02/59	01/60	12	
W3ZPP	Charlie Stouth	02/60	04/62	27	27
K3KUD-1	Bob Schmilewske	05/62	06/65	38	
W3CDY	Lloyd Sherman	07/65	05/67	23	23
K3KUD-2	Bob Schmilewske	06/67	07/68	14	
W3QZO-2	Bob Thomas	08/68	06/69	11	23
WA3CNI	Sam Kunceovich*	07/69	07/69	1	1
K3JQC	Anne Hecht	08/69	12/70	17	17
K3TKZ	Ed Jars	01/71	06/73	30	30
W3PST-1	Woody Haldeman	07/73	02/76	32	
K3KUD-3	Bob Schmilewske	03/76	02/81	60	112
W3PST-2	Woody Haldeman	03/81	05/89	98	130
W3IIM-1	Jack Haring	06/89	08/98	111	
N3TAL-1	Dean Spare	09/98	05/00	21	21
W3IIM-2	Jack Haring	06/00	06/00	1	112
N3TAL-2	Dean Spare	07/00	11/01/05	16	37
WB3KOJ	Don Gordon	12/2001	12/2001	1	1
K3XS	Maggie Leber	01//2002	present	39	39(so far)
					650

*Special issue consisting entirely of Sam’s drawings.

appeared on the cover of THE TVI RETREAT. Both names continued to appear (TVI RETREAT on page one of each issue, and THE BLURB on the cover) until the July issue of the same year, when the name THE TVI RETREAT was finally retired.

JANUARY 1958

Sam Kunceovich began doing the cover, and other

artwork. Sam's work appeared in 552 issues of the Blurb, culminating with his SK notice in the December 2004 issue. A remarkable run indeed: nearly half a century.

JANUARY 1962

The first cartoon entitled “Sam’s Corner” appeared.

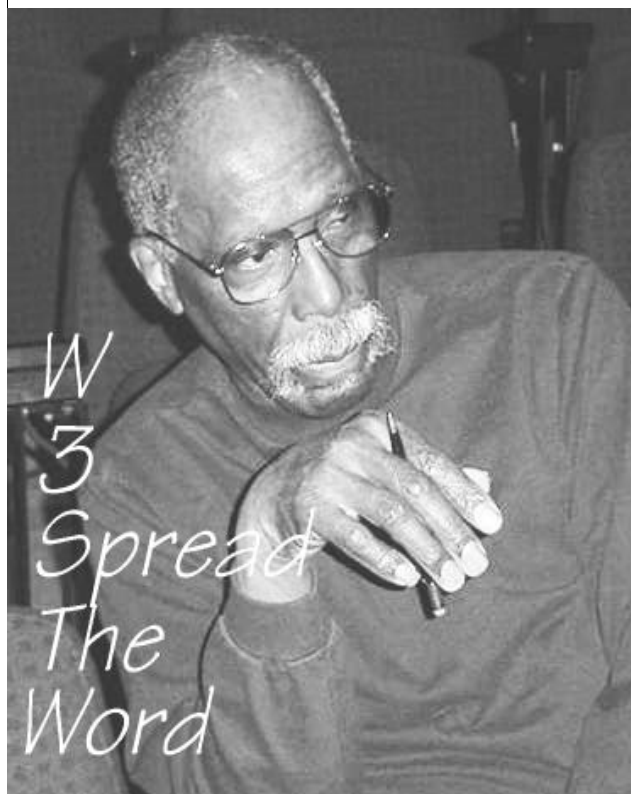


photo: WA3KIO

Spread The Word

--de Al W3STW, PMRC President

Greetings Phi-Mont Mobile Club members and all the others.

As the January '05 AuctionFest (so named by the originator, Dick, W3RM) moves from short to long term memory, let me share a bit more information received from Steve, WU3I.

Ten Sellers provided 26 buyers the opportunity to make 46 purchases. And as I

mentioned in last month's column, the event was a tremendous social success, again "thank you" to all who participated.

Noteworthy, I think, is the fact that the Blurb's June '04 "Spread The Word" column was also published in the February '05 AMSAT Journal and the March '05 QST. That's a lot of publicity for our Club.

And on behalf of our fine organization Fred, WA3KIO, and I attended the January '05 Warminster Amateur Radio Club general meeting in Warminster, Bucks County. We received a very warm welcome from President Tony, N3YNH, the other Club members and recognition in their newsletter. They had a very interesting program that featured homebrew regenerative receiver construction and use of the digital camera techniques.

For the March '05 general meeting Sol, N3UBY and I will present the design and hopefully a working model of a portable 2m antenna. In closing if you are not a member of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club I encourage you to join our Club. Get in touch with me; my contact information is on page two of this publication. If you are a Club Member and have not renewed your Membership, please do so today. Send your check or money order to our Treasurer Dick, W3RM, P.O. Box 88 Abington, Pa 19001.

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February 2005 Board Meeting

The Board of the Directors of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc. held a meeting at the WDRV radio station in Hatboro, PA, on February 2, 2005. President Al, W3STW presided, calling the meeting to order at 8:02 P.M. with the following additional directors attending and voting: Jim W3BBB, Maggie K3XS, Eric N3QV, Dick W3RM, Ra KB3JCR.

Al W3STW made a motion that PMRC accept two Kenwood TS-440S HF Radios from the Civil Air Patrol on conditions of permanent loan. After discussion, the motion was seconded and approved by the board.

W3RM reported that the PMRC Treasury is in good shape. He presented the = financial report for the month of January.

Maggie K3XS reported on the status of the *Blurb*. She invites photos and articles to be submitted for consideration on being published in the newsletter.

W3STW called upon Eric N3QV to report on the status of the youth committee and DX on behalf of chairman N3MT. The club is looking for new youth members and looking for a vehicle to attract their interest.

There are DX stations present on the airwaves 24/7. Check www.dailydx.com for current DXpeditions going on right now. Another site to check is <http://oh2aq.kolumbus.com/dxs/>

where one can see postings of DX station activity at the current time on any band. A rare DX station from Anarctica, EM1HO has recently been on the air.

Jim W3BBB reported on the Repeater System. The Repeater is in good shape.

W3RM called the board's attention to the fact that the Scholarship Fund as been receiving contributions, over the past year, given in memory of Joann Hoch, N3FTC. Dick proposed that the board consider awarding a scholarship in memory of Joann in 2006. After discussion, the following resolution, proposed by W3RM, was seconded and approved unanimously by the board:

WHEREAS, the directors of the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club, Inc., by resolution adopted on September 5, 2001, established a General Scholarship Fund to underwrite grants in scholarship aid to qualified young amateurs pursuing a higher education; and

WHEREAS, such scholarships provide most appropriate "living gifts" to honor or memorialize, on a one-time or annual basis, those amateurs who have made a significant contribution to amateur radio and to Phil-Mont;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is resolved that there be established a memorial scholarship, sponsored by Phil-Mont, to be known as the "Joann Hoch, N3FTC, Memorial Scholarship," which shall be awarded in 2006, with a cash grant in an amount later to be authorized by the board. The N3FTC memorial scholarship shall be administered by the Foundation for Amateur Radio, Inc., and shall be made available to residents of the Eastern Pennsylvania and Southern New Jersey ARRL Sections who hold an amateur radio license of any class,



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VE Exam Session Statistics

for February 3, 2005

One candidate took one element and we had one new amateur. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads **ND3Q**, and the other participating VEs were :
Jim McCloskey **NS3K**
Bob Freer **W3YLT**

Upcoming Exam Sessions: March 3

(See page 2 for details)

and who are enrolled--or accepted for enrollment--in a U.S. college or university pursuing at least a baccalaureate degree in any course of study. Funds to underwrite this scholarship shall be derived from contributions specified for the purpose received from members and friends, and from the income and principal of the PMRC General Scholarship Fund.

There being no further business, upon motion, the meeting was adjourned at 9:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Marano, N3QV
Secretary

February 2005 General Meeting Minutes

The Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club held its February General Meeting at The Masonic Village, Lafayette Hill, PA, on February 9, 2005. President Al Tribble, W3STW presided, calling the meeting to order at 7:40 P.M.

Dick W3RM reported that 75% of the club dues have been received. He also announced that the the board of directors, on February 2, voted to establish a scholarship in memory of Joann Hoch, N3FTC, to be implemented in 2006. The club will continue the annual W3IIM Haring Memorial Scholarship.

A new member application was received from John P. Coupe Jr., WA3BXH, and Jack was introduced to the members by Ra, KB3JCR.

Dusty ND3Q reported that there was one candidate at the February VE Session who successfully passed the Technician examination, and now holds the call KB3LXF.

Bill W3AOK requested more ideas for programs at the general meetings.

Ed KB3IV reported on Net Activity and made requests for anyone who wants to be NCS.

Al W3STW announced the AMSAT Net on Tuesday evenings at 9:00 PM on 3840 KHz. Al commented on the MS Walks coming up and called all to participate in a public service event. The club was reminded that one of its primary purposes is public service.

W3AOK reminded the club that each member participating in at least one public service event a year would be excellent, and that activities such as participation in club VE sessions, or volunteering time to maintain the repeater, are also in the public service.

Al W3STW turned the floor over to Larry K3HWE for a

presentation on Emergency Communications and Certifications.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Marano, N3QV
Secretary



proposed
New member

John P. Coupe, Jr. - WA3BXH "Jack"
516 Summit Avenue
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email: jcoupejr@aol.com
Occupation: Owner, Coupe Communications

March Birthdays

03 Elaine Spencer (XYL W3BBB)
09 Fayette Toren (XYL N2MT)
15 Dottie Scialdone-Maresca - K3YPH
16 Susan Vece (XYL W2AJV)
18 Ed Losco - N3DLV
21 Ben Roeshman - W3LKI
23 Therese Cechony (XYL W3GER)
Henry Platt - W3UI
25 Perry Blum - W3PTB
27 William (Red) MacKenzie - W3RED
28 Barbara Stein (XYL KB3AFH)
31 Ted Lada - N3FTZ

(Membership stats will resume in April)

For Sale:

Kenwood 950SDX
fully loaded -Five extra filters
Recording unit-Service manual
Original box -Original owner
\$2,000

Henry 2K classic export
2 KW Amplifier
10 through 80m
Floor model
Pick-up only
\$1,250

Both units in mint condition

Contact W7MM 215-708-0230

Date	March 2005 with PMRC
Tue 01	
Wed 02	PMRC Board meeting at WRDV
Thu 03	VE exams at Northeast High – see p2
Fri 04	
Sat 05	
Sun 06	NCS: 2m:K3XS HF:N3QV
Mon 07	
Tue 08	
Wed 09	PMRC general meeting at Masonic Village
Thu 10	
Fri 11	
Sat 12	
Sun 13	NCS: 2m:WU3I HF:WA3KIO
Mon 14	
Tue 15	
Wed 16	
Thu 17	St Patrick's Day
Fri 18	
Sat 19	
Sun 20	NCS: 2m:KB3IV HF:KB3IV
Mon 21	
Tue 22	
Wed 23	
Thu 24	
Fri 25	
Sat 26	
Sun 27	Easter Sunday-NCS:2m:WB3KOJ HF:W3STW
Mon 28	
Tue 29	
Wed 30	
Thu 31	

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